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When asked by Brigham Young to help in the settlement of Utah, they journeyed to the territory of now Ogden and from there to Box Elder County. During the move south they located in Spanish Fork where a son was born, Lawrence. While there grandmother was able to gain possession of a weaving loom and she soon picked up the art of weaving. She wove all types of goods, such as blankets and all kinds of dress materials. From Spanish Fork they moved into the Goshen Valley, here they worked and cleared the land and planted their crops. Soon an old Indian came and warned them to leave, so without much delay they went to Willow Creek. They would go back from time to time and take care of the crops they had left at Goshen.—*Mary Alice Whitehead.*

My Grandmother's Pet Pig—My grandmother, Maria Susannah Merrick Thon, was born in Windsor Castle, England, July 1, 1811. She with her three children and a stepdaughter joined the Latter-day Saints church and immigrated to Utah, arriving in the valley, October 2, 1851.

One of the incidents in this pioneer life of Maria Susannah was a journey to Lehi and on to Provo, during the episode of Johnston's Army. My grandmother, lover of all animals, had a pet pig. Wherever she went on an errand the pig followed. In 1858, Grandmother and her children traveled on foot for the move south. My father was between four and five years of age and his brother, fifteen months older. Flora was a young lady by this time. As they were trudging along the road, mother looked back and lo and behold—what did she see following them but the little pet pig; what could they do—it was too far to take the little pig back, so they let it come along with them. I imagine the little boys had more fun driving the little pig than my mother and older sister did.—*Minnie Thorn Heath.*

CALLED HOME

Joseph Smith Tanner left San Bernardino February 6, 1858 in company with Colonel Kane, as his escort, who had received instructions from the government to come to Utah and help settle the trouble. On reaching Parowan, Colonel Kane was escorted the rest of the way by Apostle Amasa M. Lyman, Joseph Matthews and Daniel Stark, who, with other Saints in adjoining states were asked to return to Utah.

Joseph, being relieved of his duty, he returned to the Santa Clara and met the teams which had been sent to California to bring their remaining possessions. They reloaded at Cedar City, and on March 3, Joseph started with his brother, Freeman, on mules for Payson, arriving there March 8, 1858. After reaching Payson, he furnished three teams and helped to bring people from Salt Lake City to Utah County. He freighted from Utah to California until 1867; he was then called to the Muddy Mission. He returned from there to Payson, March 15, 1870.

JOURNAL AND DIARY OF ROBERT GARDNER

Our selection of the writings of Robert Gardner as the journal of the year is based on four historical periods of which Pioneer Gardner gives an excellent account.

The forefront of the journal deals with his life before he came to Utah. Here stories of heroism, faith and courage are told. Then comes his version of the first years in Utah; the record of a rugged man toiling with his hands to help conquer the desert. 3rd, A handcart mission back to the land of his birth—this section is a diary—interesting and praiseworthy; men traveling and preaching without purse or scrip.

The last chapters tell of his life as a colonizer in southern Utah. He deals kindly throughout the pages of the journal, with his family, his friends, his state, and his church.

THE GARDNER FAMILY

Jan. 7, 1884—I now begin to write a history of my life, but not being in the habit of keeping a daily Journal, and my parents leaving nothing written to go by, I have to go by what I can recollect, and what they and others told me, and my own personal experience.

My father's name was Robert Gardner. He was born March 12, 1781, in Houston, Renfrewshire, Scotland, and died November 20, 1855 at Mill Creek, Salt Lake County, Utah. His father's name was William and his mother's name was Christina Henderson, and his grandfather's name was Robert Gardner. My mother's name was Margaret Calinder. She was born in January, 1777 and as near as I can find out, at Falkirk, Stirlingshire, Scotland. Mother died at Mill Creek, Salt Lake County, Utah in 1862, while I was filling my Mission and establishing a new home at St. George, Utah.

My mother had three sons and four daughters. The eldest son's name was William. He was born January 31, 1803 at Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland. My sisters, Christe, Mary, and Janet, were born in Scot-